



HIGH IN THE HILLS...

THINK SMALL

The Mirror House, Dolomites

Sleeps two, in one room
From £1,045 per week

Surrounded by the Dolomites of South Tyrol, which make for the perfect winter escape, and orchards filled with apple trees in early autumn, the Mirror House is one of two extraordinary villas that stand side by side. Designed by Milan-based Peter Pichler Architects, the mirrored surfaces of these two contemporary houses reflect the surrounding mountainous landscape that awaits your exploration.
edgeretreats.com

GO LARGE

Casa le Mimose, Umbria

Sleeps 12, in six rooms
From £3,163 per week

This secluded luxury villa could only be found deep in the heart of The Murlo Estate, one of the most exclusive country retreats in Italy. Cookery courses and wine-tasting sessions in nearby Assisi will immerse you in the authentic Italian experience, while the pretty garden filled with lavender and cypress trees will help you relax. If you can bear to leave the landscaped pool, the surrounding estate is open to be explored, either via the 18-hole golf course or on a guided hike through the rolling Umbrian hills.
akvillas.com

BEST FOR DESIGN

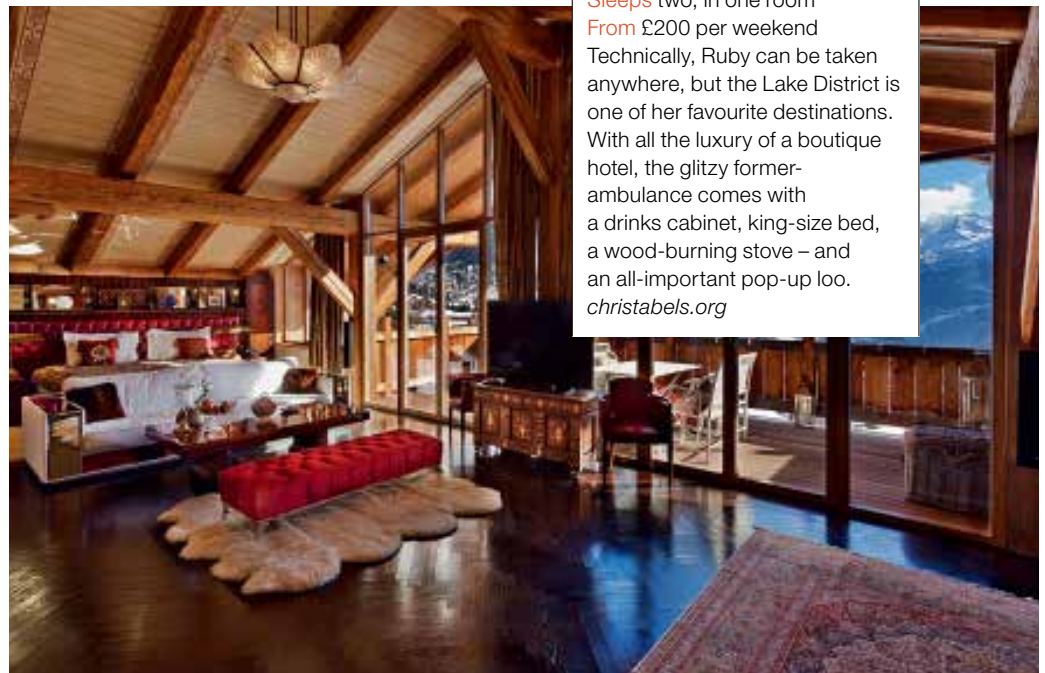
Eos 139, Costa Rica

Sleeps ten, in five rooms
From £9,219 per week

High above the canopy of the Costa Rican rainforest, this luxury villa will take you as close to heaven as can be. With interiors made up of polished concrete floors, rustic wood features and 24-foot ceilings, the space feels urban and light, while the endless view from the infinity pool leads your eye over the treetops and all the way to the sea beyond.
luxuryretreats.com

Hideaway up high

From top: Eos 139 is a super-modern structure in the Costa Rican rainforest; Truffe Blanche, in Verbier, Switzerland, has its own hammam



MOST CURIOUS

Chateau de Baloigne, France

Sleeps 15, in six rooms
From £2,155 per week

Created within the ruins of a medieval castle, Chateau de Baloigne is one of the most unique stays to be found worldwide. Historians can marvel at the 12th-century dungeons and romantics can dream up their very own fairy tale – while modernists will approve of the 21st-century features that have been tastefully incorporated.
oliverstravels.com

BIG SPENDER

Truffe Blanche, Switzerland

Sleeps 18, in nine rooms
From £50,733 per week

You get astronomical bang-for-your-buck at Truffe Blanche. There are the little things (nine different spa treatment rooms, a hammam, indoor pool, home cinema and private nightclub) and then there are bigger things (daily heli-skiing, tailors flown in from Milan, feasts on top of distant glaciers with tables and benches freshly carved from ice). But if you want to keep it simple, just admire the sumptuous interiors and Verbier's world-class skiing.
hautemontagne.com

THE GLAMPERVAN

Ruby, Lake District

Sleeps two, in one room
From £200 per weekend

Technically, Ruby can be taken anywhere, but the Lake District is one of her favourite destinations. With all the luxury of a boutique hotel, the glitzy former-ambulance comes with a drinks cabinet, king-size bed, a wood-burning stove – and an all-important pop-up loo.
christabels.org